

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination of United States patent application serial no. 09/245,198. Following an April 26, 2004 Notice of Allowance, an Official Communication dated July 12, 2004 indicated that ex parte prosecution of the '198 application was suspended for a period of six months, due to a potential interference. Following telephonic interviews of July 29 and September 13, 2004, applicants' representatives were notified that filing of a Request for Continued Examination would lift suspension of the '198 application (see Official Communication dated September 14, 2004 in the '198 application). Based on that understanding, applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination of the '198 application, together with an amended claim set.

Applicants discuss below the amendments to the claims set forth in this Supplemental Amendment.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-35 without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue

the canceled subject matter in one or more applications
claiming priority from the instant application.

In place of cancelled claims 1-35, applicants have
added claims 36-87. The added claims are drawn to the same
elected invention as cancelled claims 1-35. Added claims 36-65
are new claims. Added claims 66-87 are identical to allowed
claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 28, 30-31, 39-49 of the '198 application.

None of the added claims constitutes new matter.
Support for added claim 36 is provided, for example, on page
11, lines 10-13 and page 14, line 33 to page 15, line 1 of the
specification. Support for added claim 37 is provided, for
example, on page 11, lines 10-13 and page 14, line 33 to page
15, line 1 of the specification. Support for added claim 38 is
provided, for example, on page 16, lines 13-16 and page 7,
lines 13-15 of the specification. Support for added claim 39
is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 13-15; page 16,
lines 13-16 and lines 30-33; page 14, line 33 to page 15, line
1 and page 30, lines 27-30 of the specification. Support for
added claim 40 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 13-
15; page 16, lines 13-16; page 16, line 30 to page 17, line 5;

page 14, line 33 to page 15, line 1 and page 30, lines 27-30 of the specification. Support for added claim 41 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 11-18; page 8, line 3; page 16, lines 13-15; page 30, lines 11 and 27-30 and page 34, line 5 of the specification. Support for added claim 42 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 11-18; page 8, line 3; page 30, lines 11 and 27-30 and page 34, line 5 of the specification. Support for added claim 43 is provided, for example, on page 11, lines 10-13 and 23-24 and page 14, line 33 to page 15, line 1 of the specification. Support for added claim 44 is provided, for example, on page 11, lines 10-13 and 23-24 and page 14, line 33 to page 15, line 1 of the specification. Support for added claim 45 is provided, for example, on page 16, lines 13-16; page 7, lines 13-15 and Figure 1 of the specification. Support for added claim 46 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 13-15; page 16, lines 13-16; page 16, lines 30-33; page 14, line 33 to page 15, line 1; page 30, lines 27-30 and Figure 1 of the specification. Support for added claim 47 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 13-15; page 16, lines 13-16; page 16, line 30 to page 17, line 5; page 14, line 33 to page 15, line 1; page 30, lines 27-30 and Figure 1 of the specification.

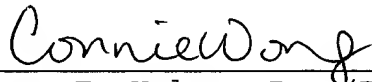
Support for added claim 48 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 11-18; page 8, line 3; page 16, lines 13-15; page 30, line 11; page 34, line 5 and Figure 1 of the specification. Support for added claim 49 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 11-18; page 8, line 3; page 30, line 11 and page 34, line 5 of the specification. Support for added claim 50 is provided, for example, on page 3, lines 21-25; page 13, lines 20-21; page 15, lines 16-17 and page 31, line 17 to page 32, line 12 of the specification. Support for added claim 51 is provided, for example, on page 36, lines 1-10 and Table II at page 37 of the specification. Support for added claim 52 is provided, for example, on page 30, line 11; page 36, lines 1-10 and Table II at page 37 of the specification. Support for added claim 53 is provided, for example, on page 8, lines 6-7; page 31, lines 18-22 and page 34, lines 25-28 of the specification. Support for added claim 54 is provided, for example, on page 16, lines 7-11 of the specification. Support for added claim 55 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 19-21 of the specification. Support for added claim 56 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 24-25 and page 11, line 34 to page 12, line 2 of the specification. Support for added

claim 57 is provided, for example, on page 11, lines 31-33 of the specification. Support for added claim 58 is provided, for example, on page 11, lines 31-33 of the specification. Support for added claim 59 is provided, for example, on page 7, lines 28-30 of the specification. Support for added claim 60 is provided, for example, on page 11, line 34 to page 12, line 9 of the specification. Support for added claim 61 is provided, for example, on page 31, lines 28-30 of the specification. Support for added claim 62 is provided, for example, on page 10, line 15 of the specification. Support for added claim 63 is provided, for example, on page 11, line 34 to page 12, line 9; page 30, line 11; page 36, lines 1-10 and Table II at page 37 of the specification. Support for added claim 64 is provided, for example, on page 31, lines 28-30 of the specification. Support for added claim 65 is provided, for example, on page 10, line 15 of the specification.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully request early consideration and allowance of claims 36-87 of this application.

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